

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. The claims are proposed to be amended as indicated above. Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments because they make the claims clearly allowable for the reasons noted below.

Applicant thanks the Office for the courtesies of the interview granted on February 15, 2007, where Examiners and the undersigned discussed the proposed claim amendments above and the submittal of a document for consideration by the Office.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skillicorn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,077,771) in view of Oettinger et al. (U.S. Application No. 20050018817) for the reasons noted in pages 2-5 and 9 of the Office Action.

Claims 3, 23, and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skillicorn et al. and Oettinger et al., in view of Schulze-Ganzlin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,514,873) for the reasons noted in pages 5-6 and 9 of the Office Action.

Claims 25-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skillicorn et al. and Oettinger et al., in view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,979,198), for the reasons noted in pages 6-8 and 9 of the Office Action.

Applicant continues to traverse these rejections for the reasons of record. Nevertheless, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended these claims so that they should now be allowable. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests withdrawal of these ground of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Office for indicating that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Applicant has accordingly amended the claims so that the allowable subject matter of claim 5 is contained in the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, as well as those of record, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to withdraw the pending grounds of rejection and allow the pending claims. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the present application, the undersigned can be contacted directly at (801) 321-4897.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, including a fee for any extension of time not accounted for above, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0843.

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